GOSSIP IN THE CLUB WORLD.

NEWS ABOUT VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

ELECTION OF THE LAWYERS'-A HANDSOME DINING-ROOM-MEETINGS AND

Lawyers' Club is generally recognized as a mated in one of the best known office buildings, the The gain in the last twelvementh has been about



SAMUEL BORROWE.

sident membership is reached the subject of se curing more room will come up again, no doubt. admirable way in which the club is run naturally reflects credit on the officers. It is n signage, therefore, that at the annual meeting on Tue the old set was re-elected. It consists of William Allen Butler, jr., president; Edward Livingsten Montgomery, treasurer, and Samuel Borrowe, secretary. Mr. Borrowe has occupied his position ever since the club was reality organized, and is thus closely identified with its progress. He was one of the founders.

Mr. Borrowe is second vice-president of the Equitable life Assurance Society and is interested in a number of clubs. He belongs to the Union, University, Manhattan, St. Nicholns, Metropolitan, Formers', Riding, Jerome Park and Somerset (of Boston) clubs. He was active in the founding of the Rilling and is a governor of it and its secretary now,

Political circles just now are discussing the action of the governors of the Manhattan Club in deciding to ive a reception for Senator-elect Murphy. An odd eature of the whole thing is that the vote was nanimous, although Frederic R. Coudert was presid nd several of the strong-st "Anti-Snappers" were nt. It is inferred that Henry D. Macdona had omething to do with bringing the board to take such He was elected a governor on what was regarded as a "Snapper" issue, has three associates or the ticket, Perry Belmont, J. Coleman Drayton and Manton Marble, being defeated. It seems natural therefore to associate him with such a movement for glerification of the "Snapper"

ides, Mr. Mactona has for a number of is been a close friend of Mr. Murphy. Mr. Macdena has not only a wife acqualutance among Democratic politicians and public generally, but many of them are his warm friends. The circle of those whom he knows it the Manhattan Club is remarkably wide, especially



HENRY D. MACDONA.

in view of the fact that he is still a young man. He is also known as an art lover, an Arctic explorer and a successful lawyer. He was born in this city and was graduated from Manhattan College and the Columbia College Law School. Entering newspaper work, he was sent to Mexico as correspondent, and in 1879 went to the Arctic regions on the United States steamship Alliance, which went in search of the Jeannette.

Mr. Macdona had no lack of exciting experiences in the point regions. He made a journey across Ice-land, from Reykjovik to Arkayric, and along the north coast for tidings of the missing ship. He also travelled slong the coast of No Man's Land for eleven days, resetting the most northern tide-mark ever establishedthat by Nordenskjold, in 1869. In the summer of 1880 the Alliance reached the highest point north ever attained by a vessel of her class-80 degrees ninutes, or within 590 miles of the North Pole On his geturn to civilization he continued newspaper work for three years, being a correspondent in London

In 1884 he decided to begin the practice of the profession for which he had studied. Four years later District Attorney John R. Fellows made him a deputy assistant in his office. Mr. Macdona was reappointed by District-Attorney De Lancey Nicoli. who in July last made him a full-fledged assistant. He has pre-cented some cases of great importance, and is an especially vigorous cross examiner. Mr. Mac-dona belongs to the Lawyers' Club, the Bar Association of the City of New-York, the Reform, the Larchand Catholic clubs, and is a member of the Royal Geographical Society and a corresponding mem-ber of the Imperial Russian Geographical Society.

The annual meeting of the Circulo Colon-Cervantes held on Thursday evening at the clubrooms. No. 1 East Nineteenthest. There are two tickets, and Dr. Juan N. Navarro is the only officer whose name appears on both. With him on one ticket are Aristides Martinez, for vice-president; Santiago Smithes, for treasurer, and Enrique Mesa, for secretary. The number of directors is to be increased from These have been nominated: Antonic C. Gonzalez, S. Mallet-Prevost, Adrian Martinez, Jose Toraya, Carlos Rochl, Pedro V. de Florez and Dr. o J. Henna. On the second ticket the old officers have been renominated, as follows: Arturo Balda-ano, for vice-president; Antonio C. Gonzalez, for beasurer, and Antonio Cuyas, ir., for secretary.

Mr. Baldasano is the Spanish Consul-General here. is now at home on a leave of absence, and it is expected that he will return. Mr. Cuyas does

ire a re-election. Dr. Navarro, who is thus certain of re-election as resident, has been in public life for over forty , and is highly esteemed by the Spanish-speaking ony of this city. He was born in Morelia, Mexico, 1823 and studied medicine in the City of Mexico. enlisted to repel the invasion of the Army of the ted States, and was captured in the assault on the Convent of Chernbusco. In the course of his applicity he became acquainted with Lee, McClellan, Jefferson Davis and other men who later became prominent. When he was released he resumed his Practice as a physician and became professor in a medical college. When the French invaded Mexico in 1863 he was made surgeon-general of the army. He was captured again, but this time he managed to He was appointed Consul-General of Mexico in this city late in 1863 and has held the office ever

ettled in its handsome rooms that he feels entitled to ellef from the labors of secretary. He spent a great leal of time and labor in looking after the furnishapartments, besides attending to the ics of his office. That his efforts are by the members is shown by the fact

that some of them wish to elect him secretary again regions again. The flag weighs only three-quarters in spite of his declination. He s a native of Bar celona, Spain, but has lived in this country since he was a boy. He was a delegate to the United States of the first International Spanish Exhibition, beld in Barcelona in 1888. For three years he was Chancellor of the Spanish Consulate here and he has constant American international spanish consulate here and he has the spanish Consulate here and he has constant American international spanish consulate here and he has the spanish consulate here and he has consulate here. is generally recognized as a li is most advantageously lation of the McKinley law had a wide circulation is peakers.

E. & H. T. Anthony & Co. and Editor of "La Revista Dudley Warner and Dr. Albert Shaw will be among the speakers.

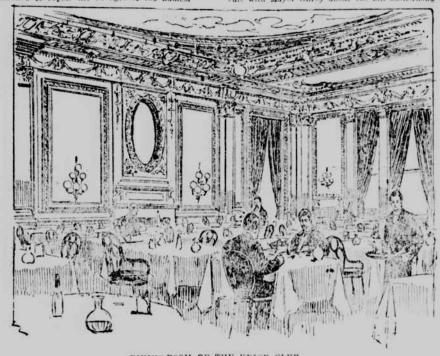
The City Club will meet on Friday evening to hear

He has been secretary of the club for two years, ever since it was organized.

The dining-room of the Union Club, the redecora-

Chancellor of the Spanish Consulate here and he has represented American interests in Spain. He is now light Club will discuss the prison question. W. M. F. In charge of the Spanish-American department of Round, secretary of the Prison Association; Charles

the report of the committee appointed to submit reso-lutions about the appointment of Scannell and Koch. W. C. Gulliver is chairman of this committee. The strated in one of the est known once on the control of the club for two years, the report of the committee appointed to submit resonant the cooking and the service are unexceptional. It is no wonder that some of the smaller downtown clubs make it their standard of excellence. Its memberake it their standard of excellence. Its memberake it their standard of excellence. Its memberake it their standard of excellence. Its memberation of which was finished within a year, is perhaps not surpassed in magnificence and beauty by any other club apartment in the city. Two years ago plications have been posted to submit resonant the report of the committee appointed to submit resonant the report of the committee appointed to submit resonant the report of the committee appointed to submit resonant the report of the committee appointed to submit resonant the report of the committee appointed to submit resonant the report of the committee appointed to submit resonant the report of the committee appointed to submit resonant the report of the committee appointed to submit resonant the report of the committee appointed to submit resonant the report of the committee appointed to submit resonant the report of the committee appointed to submit resonant the report of the committee appointment of scannell and Koch. W. C. Guilliver is challenged the report of the committee appointment of scannell and Koch. W. C. Guilliver is challenged the report of the committee appointment of scannell and Koch. The distributions about the appointment of scannell and Koch. The distributions about the appointment of scannell and Koch. The distributions about the appointment of scannell and Koch. The distributions are considered to submit resonant the country of the countr in the last twelvementh has been about a first twelvementh has been about a first twelvementh has been about a first the delay in settling with the insurance companies, but the bills before the Legislature which affect the club, the bills before the Legislature which affect the constant the time the 1,000 limit of stanford White, of McKim. Mend & White, was combined by the bills before the Legislature which affect the constant the bill anthorizing the sult with Mayor Gilroy about the bill anthorizing the last twelvemonth has been about with the recent addition to its delay in settling with the insurance companies, but mittee on legislation met on Wednesday and discussed



DINING-ROOM OF THE UNION CLUB.

on Friday.

the house. It is 55 feet long, 35 wide and 19 high, so ample scope was given to Mr. White's genius. He decided on the Louis XIII style of decoration. He decided on the Louis XIII style of decoration. The colors chiefly used are white and ecru. The colors chiefly used are white and ecru. The the affiliated clubs now organizing all report excellent celling is divided into three panels, which are progress, Good Government Club A has appointed painted to give a sky effect. Flowers and other beautiful papier-mache ornaments are in the eaves. The fireplace, nearly opposite the entrance, is par-



JUAN N. NAVARRO.

ticularly handsome. It is a large one of Italian marble, with artistic cabinets. Triple windows with pilaster treatment are at each end of the room. All the trim and mouldings of the doors and windows are richly ornamented. The entrance is merely a wide opening, with rich architrave, and is nung with heavy cloth. The wainscoting is of Over \$10,000 was spent on the decoration

The Harvard Club's annual dinner, which is really the reunion of all the Harvard alumni of the metro

politan district, will be held on February 21.

There is some criticism of the amount of money that is being spent on the house of the Union Club. The place is to be given up just as soon as another site is found and a new building erected. Even since it was decided to move up the avenue many repairs and alterations have been made. The Dix House in



The room is on the third floor, in the rear end of | Commissioner of Public Works to buy property in the Croton water-hed. Altret R. Conkling was appointed to confer with the State Charities Aid Society a committee on incorporation and the drawing up of a constitution. It has over 300 members. This C

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ninety days after they become due is ipso facto expelled. Therefore, any member now resigning without
paying his semi-annual dues from January 1, 1863,
can only be liable for the novel days, and unat being
liable for this ninety days, any resigning member is
entitled to the privilege of the club for that period
after his resignation. This member also says that if
the club does not continue, he will be glad to make
a test case of this point for the benefit of a thousand
other members who, he feels, must agree with him.
The incidents in the attempt to place the club once
more upon its feet have been recorded in The Tribune
from day to day. The discharging of many employes
by the receiver has worked great hard-hip in several
cases.

Little is heard nowadays about the St. George

and E. P. Talede and George Covert members of the executive committee.

The newest claib of a novel nature in the country has just been formed in New-Orleans by the prominent fashionable women of that city. It is called the "Anti-Crinoline Club," and its object is to prevent the introduction of crinoline into New-Orleans. The meetings of a few weeks age for the championship at whist between the Kuckerbecker and the Empire Whist Clubs, upon a better acquaintance between its members, their plans being similar, to aford announcement and yet have no gambling upon the game, resulted in a consolidation, the name being Kulckerbecker Whist Club. The officers of the consolidated club are president, Edward A, Smith, vice-president, Harry S, Williams; secretary, S, C, Hathaway, Jr., and treasurer, H. C. Skinner. The home of the club is now at No. 25 East Seventeenthist. The membership, resident and non-resident, numbers about fity. The cost of membership is \$5 for admission and \$3 for quarterly dues. The regular meetings are on Monday, Wednesday and Saurday nights. The recome are open every night. Members are allowed to introduce their friends at the club. The club is governed by the rules of the American Whist League.

AMONG WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS.

The Working Girls' Club less been extremely anxion to send some specimens of its work to the World's Fair, but as they had nothing but brains to display and it is rather hard to exhibit those, the members have been at a less as to what representation they would give of their work. A bright thought of Miss on June 15, 1876; was promoted a first licutenant on November 1, 1881, resigning from the United States ave been purchased and in these will be arranged colonel of the 12th Regiment on April 29, 1885, and claborate photographs of their rooms, offices and cirls' hard work.

The mutual benefit fund of the Working Girls' Club which has meant so much to many of its members, is stendily gaining and interesting those who are to co given at death. There are three rates to choose from and while these may seem heavy at first the return

Twelfth Night Club. This means that only members re admitted in the rooms, and they meet to have a are admitted in the rooms, and they meet to have a genuinely cosey that among themselves. Each girl must bring something good to eat, but 25 cents is the limit as to cost, and anything over that forfeits he admittance of the bearer. As can be imagined the variety of eatables is startling at times. For using, Miss Kine diamis walles in with molasses andly, Miss Effic summon with angel cake, Miss Alice issue in her breezy way adds a not of him to the cast, while the spectacle of Martian Marion coming a with a roll of manuscript under one urm and a nottle of pickles under the other, is most amusing.

The Working Girls' Club will give one of its Tuesday evening practical talks on February 14. The fible for discussion will be a Men Wha Are Influencing This Country at the Fresent Time.

A social meeting will be held Monday afternoon by the Professional Women'. League at the club rooms, No. 20 West Thirtieth's. Everything will be done to make it e meeting an interesting one and a degiating time is expected. The entertainment committee has engaged Miss Flaine Geyes, Mrs. Jennie Hall-Wade and other singers to give several musical selections.

dections.
A conference meeting of Sorosis is called for Mon-yi at sherry's. This will be a meeting of the club ficers only to discuss several important business stendiest Club of Harlem has just added the

OF INTEREST TO ATHLETES.

ABOUT SPORTS.

estain men in the Poard of Directors to refit their sus-icions. The next step which the club ought to take is a purchase the stock held by men in other cities and make he New-York club a purelf local institution.

still probably be sincerely regretted on personal grounds by every lover of baseball on Manhattan Island who has the honor of Mr. Day's acquaintance. He has been the virtual ruler of baseball affairs in this city for the last virtual ruler of taschall affairs in this only for the list tascive years, and the success of the game here is due largely to his personal efforts. He end James Mutrie organized the old Metropolitan Club, which was a paying venture from the start. When it was shown that base-ball affairs here had been sufficiently advanced to warrant ball affairs here had been sufficiently advanced to warrant the introduction of a League beam in this city, the Giants acre organized and the Metropolitans were allowed to die. The New-York Club hel clear sailing until the outbreak of the Brotherhoad rebellion in 1830, and it has had a hard time of it ever since. While Mr. Day was regarded with almost fatherly affection by the players all over the country, yet their rebellion practically ruined their old friend and adviser. Many men suffered through that ill-advised movement, but Mr. Day, through his loyalty to the League, suffered the most. He could have gone with the Brotherhood, and that might have won them their fight, but his loyalty to the League never wavered. that he will be a regular visitor at the Polo Grounds every day, for there is not a more sincere lover of base-tal, in the country to-day than is the ex-leader of the

The selection of Cornellus Van Cott, the Postmaster, as Mr. Day's successor is generally considered a wise act. Mr. Van Cott is a sincere admirer of the game. He will have a committee of advisors in E. B. Talcott and P. T. Powers who will be able to keep his baseball path as smooth as a polished mirror. Mr. Talcott will probably be the moving pirit in the club, as he has been since the class of last season. He is well informed in baseball and also in baseball politics, and the chances are that the team will get more the worst in the many deals now pending in relation to certain players and interclub affairs. Mr. Talcott will be the talking delegate from the New-York club at all National League conventions.

quiet at present, and the local officials seem content to let the general public believ that the organization has some against the 7th Regiment Athletic Association and against the professional boxers, it has apparently failed into a gentle sleep. Probably the next ceremony will be a wake instead of an awakening. Ourside of occasional boxing tournaments there has been scarcely an interesting athletic entertainment given in New-York City during the winter. By far the most successful and entertaining games of the winter were these given by the regiment, which is outside the role of the A. A. U.

League are working quietly toward getting their associa-tion into perfect working over for the coming season. As Zimmermann, Berlo, Taylor, Johnson and other smateurs are likely to race under the auspices of the new league as On April 22 the 23d Regiment Athletic Association will

hold its annual games in the Clermont Avenue Rins, Brok-lyn. Hand-one prizes will be awarded to first and second men in each of the contests.

Ho lovers of skaling is promised a rare treat at Red Bank this week, where the National Association chempton-ships will be held. In case Johnson, the Western flyer, and Donoghue meet, the race ought to be worth going miles to see. Donoghue will then meet Hareld Hagen, the Norwegian champion, at Newburg, a week later, and another fine series of races ought to result. Residents of Newburg are said to stand ready to bet \$25,000 that

rank and organizations in which they served, with a short sketch of their service, to the adjutant-general's office at Burington, Vt., at their earliest opportunity, in order that they may be notified of the "Vermont Roll of Honor." in process of compliation, which will contain a series of illustrated biographical sketches of Vermonters who served as soldiers and sailors in the Civil War of 1861-96, and in which it is desired to have the record of every Vermonter who served in the War of the Rebellion."

General Peck firds it almost impossible to get a correct list of Vermonters residing outside of the state, but he hopes in this way to receive many responses to his request. "The Vermont Roll of Honor" of which he speaks will be of the greatest interest to Vermont soldiers, their relatives and friends in future years, and it is hoped that the above notice may reach as many as possible.

NATIONAL GUARD AFFAIRS.

NAVAL RESERVE MEN HAPPY-COLONEL DOWD'S RECORD.

The "stag" given by the 12th Regiment on February 4 was one of the most enjoyable affairs ever held at the armory. The entertainment was mainly and some excellent boxing and of an athletic nature. wrestling were presented. The surprise of the even ing was the introduction of several "in de siecle dancers, including Narcisse, Rose King and Miss Miller. About 2,000 men were present, and they manifested their approval by recalling all the performers. The committee in charge of the affair were Secretary Charles J. Leach, Drum-Major R. McKay, Sergeants J. S. O'Dair, T. F. Dunn and J. S. Burrell.

The executive committee will meet this week to arrange for the spring games to be held in April. The subject of another "stag" will probably also be

The regiment will be reviewed by Brigadier-Ger emi Penjamin M. Whitlock, general faspector of rifle practice, on February 21, and marksmen's and long service badges will be presented.

Company I will have a dinner at Ferraro's, in Sixth

ave., on Wednesday evening. Colonel Heman Dowd, a portrait of whom is given herewith, was educated at the United States Military Academy at West Paint. He was commissioned as second lieutenant of the 3d United States Artillery Army on June 1, 1883. He was elected lieutenantbecame colonel on October 17, 1889. It is needless to omes, which are really the result of the point out the value of such specially trained officers to the National Guard. Not the least of the ad-



LIEUTENANT-COLONEL HEMAN DOWD. vantages is the good understanding which is sure follow between the members of the militia and of the regular service. Colonel Dowd, who know what strict discipline and thorough training mean, the armory is a veritable need not despise.

The Naval Militamen are elated with the of having sulfaide quarters for drill and other army purposes on board the old frigate. New-Hampshire The Armery Board has appropriated \$16,000 for the ork will be begun as soon as the contracts are le panent berth has been assigned her. galley has been put in good shape and the captain' ca'in made habitable. The temporary partitions or ceive eahin passengers from the cholera-infected ship place, itesides a general overhauling the old war-ship needs new plumbing throughout, new planking, a botler for the steam heating apparatus already in It is expected that the repairs will be unished in two months, but she can be used for most as soon as the debris is cleared off the decks. It is hoped that the annual cruise in her next summer may extend to Fisher's Island or to some place outside the

A smoker was given to the commissioned officers per churchwarden pipes and tobacco were passed around and impromptn speeches were made. About eighty members were present. E. S. Clayten was chairman of the committee of arrangements. It is proposed to give a "dutch" aboard ship as soon as the New-Hampshire shall be in fit condition. The glee club has been rehearsing two or three

times a week under the leadership of Lieutenant Wash ington Irving, of the 3d Division, in preparation for the battallon supper and reception next Thursday

Adjutant-General Josiah Porter has issued an order

which prescribes the informs to be worn by officers and enlisted near of the Naval Militia. Three uniforms are prescribed—a "special full dress," "full dress" and "service dress," The special full dress which prescribed—a "special full dress," and missed non of the Naval Milita. Three uniforms are prescribed—a "special full dress," afail dress," and "service dress," The special full dress for officers consists of a dark navy blue cap, bound with black mehair braid, with sliding chin strap of gilt, ornament to consist of shield and conie surmonating two crossed feal anchors. The mess jacket is to be of blue cioth, with rolling collar, wide using out to broad lapels in front, double-breast, shoulder stress sheve grade device and corps colors, according to United States Navy regulations. The walstcoat is to be white duck, single-breasted, with three gilt buttons. The gloves are to be white undressed lid. The dress uniform will differ from the special full dress uniform principally in the cut of the coat, which is to be a double-breasted forck made to button high in the neck, find in the walstcoat, which is to be made of navy blue cloth, cut high in frant with six small gilt buttons. The service coat will also be of dark navy blue cloth, cut high in frant with six small gilt buttons. The service coat will also be of dark navy blue cloth, cut high in frant with six constst of a dark blue cap, nine and one-half inches in diameter, with a ribbon showing the battailon or olvision to which the seaman is attached, a dark blue coat similar to the officers mess jacket, white duck walstcoat, blue is silk to and dark blue trousers of the United States pattern.

The working suit for petty officers and seamen will consist of white canvas fast, jumper and trousers, United States Navy regulation rating badge in colors and watch marks steneilled in one line in front, the number destantion and battailon or separate division in black letters tive-eighths tuch high; United States Navy regulation rating badge in colors and watch marks steneilled in black, placed same as on full dress shifts. Regulations as to rain tolties, overcouts, arms, etc., are also given.

The following articles will constitute the State service and same and s

Guilfoyle, Privates and Haran.
Company E will give an exhibition drill and ball at the armory soon.

The 11th Separate Company will give a parade, reception and presentation of bars and badges to marksmen to-morrow evening at its armory, in Fourth Avenue Hall. Mt. Vernon. Mayor Brush and members of the municipal government will be present.

Dancing will follow the drill. FROM BENCH AND BAR.

GATHERED FROM LAWYERS AND AMONG THE COURTS..

Surrogate Rastus S, Ransom and his associate Judge Fitzgerald made an important change last week in the system of transacting business at the Surrogate's Court. The cases such as have previously been sent to referees, because it was impossible for a single Surrogate to do all the work required in this county, will hereafter be disposed of by the Surrorates themselves. The saving of expense to litigants will amount to many thousand dollars each year, and the saving in time to both litigants and attorneys will be even more important than the decrease in cost. This is only one of the many changes which have improved the Surrogate's office since Judge Ransom became Surrogate.



SURROGATE RASTUS S. RANSOM.

New-York County has been fortunate in having arrogates of great industry and ability, but none has been more devoted to his work than the present incumbent of the office. His aim since entering upon the office has been to increase its efficiency. The clerical force is made up of industrious and able officials who are closely supervised. The Surrogate himself has been indefatigable in his attention to business. His purpose has been to make justice in his court as expeditions and as economical as possi-ble. It has worked early and late and has only taken vacations when his health absolutely required

He is fortunate in having a large number of friends, and succeeded in increasing the dignity of the position of Surrogate by having the term of office increased from six years to fourteen years. The salary lins also been made more nearly adequate to the work required. The abolition of the referre system and the determination of the Surrogates to perform all the work of the disposition of cases are in lies with the other indications of Judge Ransom's industry. The assignments just made for the present year by Surrogates Ransom and Fitzgerald show that these judges do not believe in long vacations, as two terms, a trial term and a Chambers session, are to be held every month of the year except July or August, and in these mont some judge will sit. Each of the Surrogates, therefore, takes only one month of vacation in the year. With this allotment of labor, and the known dispesition of surrogate Ransom and his associate, the work of the surrogate's office will undoubtedly be promptly and well dispate ed. position of Surrogate by having the term of office in-Whether the cause is a growth in public sentiment,

or simply a chance coincidence of events, it is cer-tain that there has been an unusual number of udicial appointments made within the last few weeks. in which political independence has been shown, and an apparent desire to remove the judiciary from the outentions of party interests. The most notable of these are the nominations of Judge Howell E. Jack-on, by President Harrison, for the vacancy on the United States Supreme Court Bench; that of William Walter Phelps, by Governor Werts, of New-Jersey, and that of Simeon E. Baldwin, by Governor Morris, of Connecticut, for places on the Supreme Court Bench sen dictated by party reasons, and in each case the osition. Judge Jackson has shown in his service on he United States Circuit Court Bench a peculiarly Judi-lal mind. Republicans and Democrats alike who have had cases before him have praised his fairness and have never questioned that his decisions were prompted by the desire to do exact justice. Governors Wests and Morris have held judicial offices themselves, and respect in which the Courts are held. Mr. Phelps is far above the average of those who have held similar positions in the New-Jersey Courts, and his nomination was alike honorable to the Governor who made it and to Mr. Phelps who accepted it. Professor Baldwin is peculiarly adapted by temperament and Raldwin is peculiarly adapted by temperament and attainments to a judicial office. As the head of the Yale Law School, and as president, two years ago, of the American Bar Association, he has shown a painstaking industry and the quiet evenness of mind which cannot but make his career as a judge bonorable. His address at the meeting of the American Bar Association in 1801 showed not only peculiar good judgment, but great ladustry in the collection of facts in reference to current legislation. As a lawyer he has had special experience in corporation law.

The opening of the February term of the Courts last week hent almost all the judges occupied. In the Supreme Court there were the usual sessions of all branches of the Court. In the Court of Common Pleas all the regularly assigned controoms and one additional one were occupied. The Superior Court General Term had a small calendar, and the work in that bratch of the Coart is little behindhand. work in that oracle of the Superior Court, other than those in the General Term, were also busy. One of the Superior on t rooms was occupied by a tribunal which usually holds its sessions at Albany. It was expected that te meetings of this body in this city-the Board of laims-would be of considerable convenience to New York lawyers, as those interested in claims against York lawyers, as those interested in claims against the state would have their cases disposed of without taking the trip to Albany. Attorney-General Rosendale has expressed himself as not entirely satisfied with the result of the experiment of holding court in this city, but it is to be hoped that it will be tried again, as a New-York City session regularly held would be of great advantage to a large proportion of the lawyers and litigants engaged in the cases to be passed upon by this Court.

David Dudley Field, in his letter to the president of the State Bar Association excusing his absence from the recent meeting of the association, called attention o the character of the legislation enacted at the last session of the Legislature, and his analysis of the laws shows the hold which special legislation has on the affections of the legislators. Outside of the statutory revisions there were 715 chapters of laws. Three hundred and five of these were to amend former statutes, 100 related to the city of New-York, 50 to the city of Brooklyn, 40 to the city of Buffalo, and 20 to the city of Albany; co related to appropriations, and 1s to taxation. Mr. Field refers to a number of cases in which laws were passed at the last session of cases in which laws were passed at the last session and within a few days afterward other laws were passed relating to the same matters and changing the laws past before adopted. He estimated, five years ago, that the average cost of a statute is \$7.34, and in cases such as that of the Central Park Speedway it would cost over \$1,500 to canct a law and repeal it, leaving the situation as it originally was. Mr. Field sorrowfully asks, "Cannot the Legislature put restraint up-n itself!" Unless history is unrelable as a guide to the future, it is prolable that whether the Legislature can or cannot it will not restrain itself from this needless outpairing of statutes. The cetil which Mr. Field points out seems to have no remedy except, as he suggests, in the enactment of stronger constitutional provisions against special legislation, and the passege of general statutes relating to the government of cities and other subjects, covering classes of legislation, and which can only be amended by changing the general ride relating to that kind of legislation.

incidents of life is shown in a number of recent cases.

In the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Pennypacker tells the story of the injury to a boy nineteen months old, who was struck by the wheels of a car. The judge says in true novel-writer's style, "It was a warm summer day, and the boy, watched by his mother, ran in and out of the store, eating a cake and bannna, and sat on the front door step. Some time between 5 and 6 o'clock she was called to the and banna, and sat on the root door acry. Sant time between 5 and 6 o'clock she was called to the counter at the rear part of the store to cut a piece of dried beef for a customer," and so on with the interesting details of this moving incident, resulting in the conclusion that it was not negligence for the mother to attend to the dried beef customer and to allow her young son to wander into the part of the roadway designed for street-car traffic. The General Term of the Supreme Court of this city considered the case of a man who died from injuries caused by falling down a flight of stairs, his foot having caught in a rubber covering of the top stair. The wife recovered a verdict of \$2,000 from the landlord, who had carelessly allowed the rubber covering to remain house, and the tieneral Term affirmed the verdict. The experiences of many New-Yorkers are recalled by recent decision of the General Term in the Superior Court in an action by the guardian of a boy for injuries caused by a driver's carelessness in backing a track across the sidewalk along which the boy was sustained. A ten-vear-old Chicago boy attempted to cross the railroad tracks at a street crossing in that city but simulled at a hole in the walk, fell in front of an advancing engine and was allowed. The Appellate Kourt sustained a verdict against the railroad company.